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**Subject:** Please Oppose Icahn Bailout

Dear Office of Air and Regulation,

I write today to oppose the Icahn Bailout that would move the point of obligation under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), and to encourage you to tell the Trump Administration that you oppose this bailout as well.

Carl Icahn, owner of CVR Energy, is trying to strike a backroom deal to shift the point of obligation under the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) from oil refiners to fuel retailers. This move would be a slap in the face of rural America, its representatives in Congress, and the communities who support the ethanol industry.

Shifting the point of obligation would line the pockets of Mr. Icahn, a billionaire businessman, and a small band of similar merchant refiners at the expense of fuel retailers, small businesses, and consumers. Mr. Icahn is not a member of the U.S. government and does not speak for the men and women of rural America who have invested hard-earned time, money, and resources to expand the availability of higher ethanol blends, like E15.

Moving the RFS point of obligation would be a logistical and regulatory nightmare that promises to destabilize any incentive for retailers to offer higher ethanol blends. Hundreds, if not thousands, of new parties would suddenly be required to demonstrate compliance – demanding new rules, new staff, new infrastructure, and years of recalibrating a program that already works. This would prove to be a devastating blow to my business, my local community, and rural Americans across the country.

I ask you to stand against changing the point of obligation, and tell the Trump administration that this backroom deal is not acceptable. Please help protect those working-class individuals who are proud to provide American drivers with better, cleaner, and more affordable biofuels.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,  
Lawrence Leis

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